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FIBROCARILAGINOUS TISSUES

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, after the title, insert the following:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c), this application claims the benefit of
copending international application PCT/US99/17222 , filed July 30, 1999, designating the United

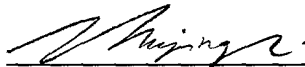
States, which claims the benefit of prior United States provisional application 60/103,161, filed October 6, 1998. This application incorporates by reference the disclosures of US 60/103,161 and PCT/US99/17222 in their entirety.--

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to make reference to a priority claim to International Application No. PCT/US99/17222, filed on July 30, 1999. This amendment does not add any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the application and early allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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